Void Claims 18 - 37 and substitute the following:

What is claimed is:

38. A balloon display comprising:

A. At least one framework with a plurality of apertures and

B. A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially inflated including:

(1) a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture; and

(2) a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture;

(3) said first set and said second set being held within their respective apertures by positioning means; said positioning means including positioning means selected from the group consisting of:

B. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at least one framework;

C. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at least one said second set of inflatable chambers;

D. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of said at least one framework; said adhesive not including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;

E. At least one area of surface that has been configured to increase resistance to movement between it and a contacting surface is included in surface contact between said set of inflatable chambers and circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;

F. At least one member of the pair comprising;

1- said set of inflatable chambers and

2- circumscribing portion of said at least one framework

being configured in multiple planes to conform to the shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of said pair;

G. At least one area of said portion of at least one framework that defines an aperture incorporates resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the framework against said set of inflatable chambers.

39. The balloon display as recited in claim 38. further comprising said at least one connector member extending through at least one aperture in circumscribing portion of said at least one framework.

40. The balloon display as recited in claim 39. further comprising at least one break or gap in the material defining said at least one aperture in circumscribing portion of said at least one framework; said break or gap being configured such that some portion of said connector member may be inserted into said aperture through said break or gap.

41. The balloon display as recited in claim 40. further comprising said break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said connector member exiting said aperture through said break or gap.

42. The balloon display as recited in claim 38. further comprising said at least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.

43. A balloon display comprising:

A. At least one framework with a plurality of apertures;

B. At least one of said plurality of apertures being formed of framing elements that are joined with interlocking tabs; and

C. A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially inflated comprising:

(1) a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture; and

(2) a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture;

(3) said first set and said second set being held within their respective apertures by positioning means; said positioning means including positioning means selected from the group consisting of:

A. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at least one framework;

B. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at least one said second set of inflatable chambers;

C. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of said at least one framework; said adhesive not including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;

D. At least one area of surface that has been configured to increase resistance to movement between it and a contacting surface is included in surface contact between said set of inflatable chambers and circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;

E. At least one member of the pair comprising;

1- said set of inflatable chambers and

2- circumscribing portion of said at least one framework

being configured in multiple planes to conform to the shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of said pair;

F. At least one area of said portion of at least one framework that defines an aperture incorporates resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the framework against said set of inflatable chambers.

44. The balloon display as recited in claim 43. further comprising

A. at least two said interlocking tabs with at least three exposed edges comprising

1. at least one end edge and
2. at least two side edges and
3. at least three notches in a series along said side edges including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on an opposing side edge;

B. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one first framing element and

C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one second framing element and

D. said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first framing element being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at least one second framing element such that notches of wrapped tabs fit together

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~~48~~. The balloon display as recited in claim 43 further comprising at least two said interlocking tabs including

A. at least one first said interlocking tab attached to at least one first framing element and having within its borders an aperture; and

B. at least one second said interlocking tab attached to at least one second framing element and having a bulbous end or protrusion;

C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and

D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture

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~~45~~. A balloon display comprising:

A. At least two frameworks with a plurality of apertures and

B. A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially inflated comprising:

1. a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture; and
2. a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture;
3. said first set and said second set being held within their respective apertures by positioning means; said positioning means including positioning means selected from the group consisting of:

B. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at least one framework;

C. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at least one said second set of inflatable chambers;

D. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of said at least one framework; said adhesive not including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;

E. At least one area of surface that has been configured to increase resistance to movement between it and a contacting surface is included in surface contact

between said set of inflatable chambers and circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;

F. At least one member of the pair comprising;

1- said set of inflatable chambers and

2- circumscribing portion of said at least one framework

being configured in multiple planes to conform to the shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of said pair;

G. At least one area of said portion of at least one framework that defines an aperture incorporates resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the framework against said set of inflatable chambers.

C. Said at least two frameworks being connected with connection means; said connection means including connection means selected from the group consisting of:

1. at least one said set of inflatable chambers that is circumscribed by a portion of at least one framework that defines an aperture is also circumscribed by at least one portion of at least one other framework that defines an aperture;

2. at least one said set of inflatable chambers that is circumscribed by a portion of at least one framework that defines an aperture is connected by connection means to at least one other inflatable chamber that is circumscribed

by a portion of at least one other framework that defines an aperture;

3. at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers is connected by fastening means to said at least two frameworks;

4. at least one tab extension on at least one framework connects by fastening means to at least one other framework;

5. at least one tab extension on at least one framework connects by fastening means to at least one tab extension on at least one other framework.

~~46~~ 47. The balloon display as recited in claim ~~45~~ 46. further comprising

A. at least two said tabs with at least three exposed edges comprising

1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and

2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on an opposing side edge

B. at least one of said at least two said tabs being attached to at least one first frame and

C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one second frame and

D. said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first frame being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at least one second frame such that notches of wrapped tabs fit together

48 ~~47~~. The balloon display as recited in claim ~~45~~ 46 further comprising interlocking tabs that connect said at least two frameworks

A. at least two of said interlocking tabs having at least three exposed edges comprising

1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and
2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on an opposing side edge

B. at least one of said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one first frame and

C. at least one of said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one second frame and

D. said interlocking tab attached to said first frame being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said second frame such that notches in one interlocking tab fit into notches of other interlocking tab.

49 ~~48~~. The balloon display as recited in claim ~~45~~ 46 further comprising interlocking tabs including a set of at least two interlocking tabs

A. the first being attached to at least one first frame and has within its borders an aperture; and

B. the second being attached to at least one second frame and having a bulbous end or protrusion; and

C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and

D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.

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49. The balloon display as recited in claim ~~45~~ further comprising interlocking straps said straps incorporating matched sets of notches and/or slits that may be nested to hold one strap to another at predetermined intervals.

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~~50~~. The balloon display as recited in claim ~~45~~ further comprising a portion of at least one said set of inflatable chambers that wraps around overlapping portions of said at least two frameworks.